Month	CPI	Rate of Inflation	
Whitehorse			
Mar. '05	122.2	1.9%	*(Mar. '04 to Mar. '05)*
Feb. '05	121.5	1.8%	*(Feb. '04 to Feb. '05)*
Mar. '04	119.9	-0.7	*(Mar. '03 to Mar. '04)*
Canada			
Mar. '05	126.5	2.3%	*(Mar. '04 to Mar. '05)*
Feb. '05	125.8	2.1%	*(Feb. '04 to Feb. '05)*
Mar. '04	123.6	0.7%	*(Mar. '03 to Mar. '04)*

In March 2005, the rate of inflation in Whitehorse (1.9%) was 0.4 percentage points lower than the rate of inflation in Canada (2.3%). In February 2005, the rate of inflation in Whitehorse (1.8%) was also lower than the rate for Canada (2.1%). In March 2004, the rate of inflation in Whitehorse (-0.7%) was 1.4 percentage points below Canada's rate of 0.7%.

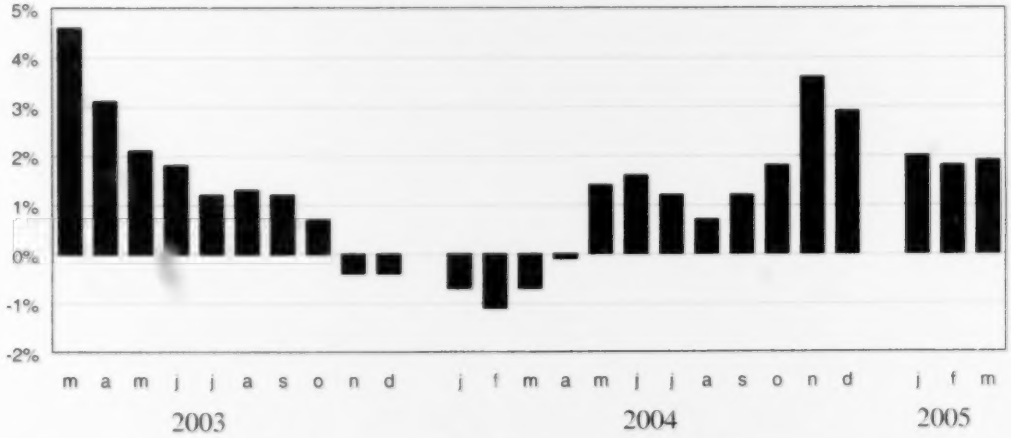
On a **monthly** basis, in Whitehorse (figures for the Yukon are not available), overall prices increased 0.6% from February 2005 to March 2005. Increases were seen in the following CPI commodities:

-gasoline;
-fresh vegetables;
-pet food and supplies.

Offsetting part of these monthly increases were decreases in the price of:

-purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles;
-fresh fruit;
-fresh or frozen chicken.

Whitehorse's Inflation Rate



Each bar represents a month of the year, with the first letter of the month's name listed below the bar.

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Whitehorse (1992 = 100)			Canada (1992 = 100)		
Year	All-Items Index	% Change From Previous Year	Year	All-Items Index	% Change From Previous Year
2004	121.1	1.0	2004	124.6	1.9
2003	119.9	1.9	2003	122.3	2.8
2002	117.7	0.7	2002	119.0	2.2
2001	116.9	2.0	2001	116.4	2.6
2000	114.6	2.2	2000	113.5	2.7
1999	112.1	1.0	1999	110.5	1.7
1998	111.0	1.0	1998	108.6	0.9
1997	109.9	2.2	1997	107.6	1.6
1996	107.5	1.7	1996	105.9	1.6
1995	105.7	1.2	1995	104.2	2.2
1994	104.4	2.2	1994	102.0	0.2

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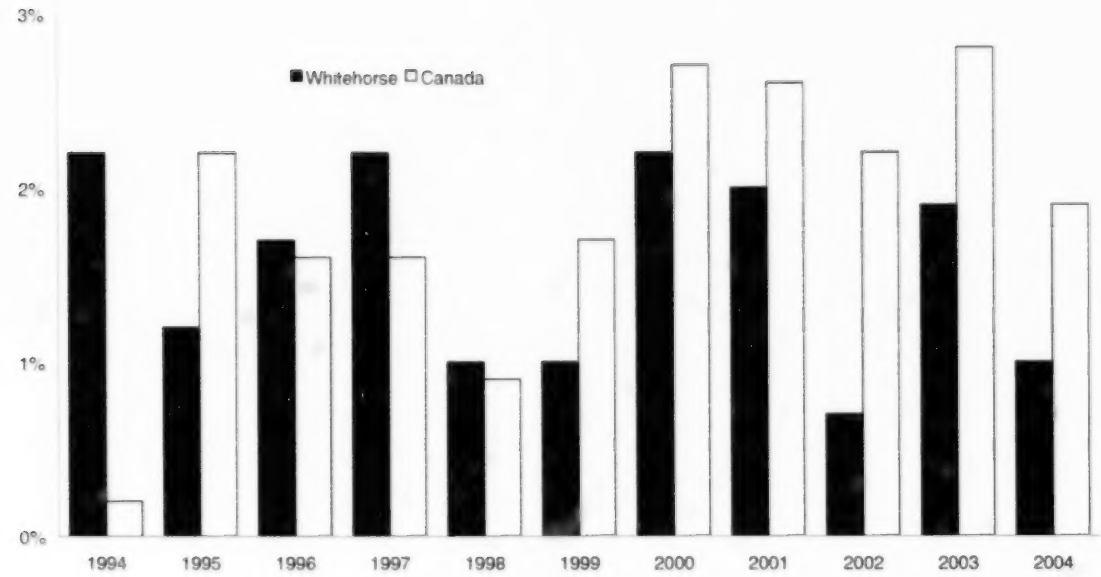

Index for Whitehorse 2003/'04

Month	2003	2004	% Change
Jan.	119.7	118.9	-0.7
Feb.	120.6	119.3	-1.1
March	120.7	119.9	-0.7
April	120.3	120.2	-0.1
May	119.8	121.5	1.4
June	119.9	121.8	1.6
July	120.4	121.8	1.2
Aug.	120.4	121.3	0.7
Sept.	120.2	121.6	1.2
Oct.	119.6	121.8	1.8
Nov.	118.8	123.1	3.6
Dec.	118.9	122.3	2.9
Year Average	**119.9**	**121.1**	**1.0**

Index for Canada 2003/'04

Month	2003	2004	% Change
Jan.	121.4	122.9	1.2
Feb.	122.3	123.2	0.7
March	122.8	123.6	0.7
April	121.9	123.9	1.6
May	122.0	125.0	2.5
June	122.1	125.1	2.5
July	122.2	125.0	2.3
Aug.	122.5	124.8	1.9
Sept.	122.7	124.9	1.8
Oct.	122.4	125.2	2.3
Nov.	122.7	125.7	2.4
Dec.	122.8	125.4	2.1
Year Average	**122.3**	**124.6**	**1.9**

Index for Whitehorse 2004/'05

Month	2004	2005	% Change
Jan.	118.9	121.3	2.0
Feb.	119.3	121.5	1.8
March	**119.9**	**122.2**	**1.9**
April	120.2	-	-
May	121.5	-	-
June	121.8	-	-
July	121.8	-	-
Aug.	121.3	-	-
Sept.	121.6	-	-
Oct.	121.8	-	-
Nov.	123.1	-	-
Dec.	122.3	-	-
Year Average	**121.1**	**-**	**-**

Index for Canada 2004/'05

Month	2004	2005	% Change
Jan.	122.9	125.3	2.0
Feb.	123.2	125.8	2.1
March	**123.6**	**126.5**	**2.3**
April	123.9	-	-
May	125.0	-	-
June	125.1	-	-
July	125.0	-	-
Aug.	124.8	-	-
Sept.	124.9	-	-
Oct.	125.2	-	-
Nov.	125.7	-	-
Dec.	125.4	-	-
Year Average	**124.6**	**-**	**-**

Item	Mar. '05	Feb. '05	% change, Feb. '05 to Mar. '05	Mar. '04	% change Mar. '04 to Mar. '05
All Items	**122.2**	**121.5**	**0.6**	**119.9**	**1.9**
Food	123.0	122.2	0.7	118.8	3.5
Shelter	117.1	116.6	0.4	113.0	3.6
Household Operations & Furnishings	108.0	107.8	0.2	109.6	-1.5
Clothing & Footwear	108.6	107.3	1.2	109.9	-1.2
Transportation	149.5	147.8	1.2	143.2	4.4
Health & Personal Care	107.0	106.6	0.4	105.9	1.0
Recreation, Education & Reading	111.0	110.8	0.2	113.0	-1.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	152.2	152.3	-0.1	149.2	2.0
Energy	161.6	158.5	2.0	148.1	9.1

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is produced on a monthly basis by Statistics Canada. The data used to determine the CPI are collected by survey and the results are released in Statistics Canada catalogue ***The Consumer Price Index***, catalogue no. 62-001. The Index is used to determine price change (inflation) in a given city or province over time. In order to calculate the inflation rate in an area, an index for two time periods is required. The percentage change in this index from one point in time to the next is known as the 'rate of inflation' (or 'rate of deflation' if there is a decrease).

The current official time base of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 1992 = 100.

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